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1. PERHAPS OUR COMMENT ON REF A MAY BE OF VALUE. WITH REFERENCE TO QUESTION POSED IN PARA 2 WE SUGGEST IN RESPONSE TO FIRST QUESTION IT MIGHT BE OBSERVED THAT PROBLEMS COVERS BOTH ALTERNATIVES, I.E., THE DRV/"PRG" DO INDEED WISH TO GO FAR BEYOND THE IMPRECISE LANGUAGE IN THE PARIS AGREEMENTS. THEY WISH TO INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO FLY THE "PRG" FLAG THEREBY FLAUNTING DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF "PRG" AS A "GOVERNMENT". THE PARIS AGREEMENTS, AS USG HAS CONSISTENTLY HELD, DOES NOT IN ANY WAY PROVIDE, PERMIT, CONDONE OR SUGGEST SUCH A STATUS. THE COMMUNIST SIDE ALSO WISES TO DISCUSS THEIR REQUEST FOR A VAST EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES IN PLENARY SESSION OR OF PRINCIPALS RATHER THAN IN A SUB-COMMITTEE OR AT DEPUTY LEVEL AS GVN HAS SUGGESTED. AND THEY WILL PERMIT NO OTHER MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED UNTIL GVN AND USG AGREE TO THEIR PROPOSAL AND PROVIDE A WRITTEN GUARANTEE. SUCH DISCUSSION, WITHOUT COMPLETE GVN CAVE IN, COULD OF COURSE GO ON FOR YEARS. FOR THE RECORD, ALTHOUGH GVN COULD NEVER ACCEPT TOTALITY OF DRV/"PRG" DEMANDS, IT DID NOT REPEAT NOT REFUSE TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL.

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2. PERHAPS REF B GIVES PART OF ANSWER TO QUESTION IN 2 B ON ESTIMATE OF DRV/"PRG" INTENT. AS IT APPEARS TO US THE INTENT IS TO RE-OPEN DISCUSSION OF VIET-NAM AT LEVEL ABOVE THAT OF VIETNAMESE PARTIES IN HOPE THAT OUTSIDE FORCE CAN GIVE THEM WHAT THEY CANNOT GAIN BY PEACEFUL POLITICAL MEANS OR BY FORCE OF ARMS. NEVERTHELESS, THEY ARE TRYING TO DISRUPT THE TWO PARTY AND FOUR PARTY MECHANISMS IN WAY TO FORCE OUTSIDE INTERVENTION WITHOUT THEMSELVES TAKING OBVIOUS BLAME FOR HAVING CAUSED SUCH DISRUPTION TO EITHER FOUR PARTY, TWO PARTY OR ICCS MECHANISMS. THEIR SENSITIVITY TO WORLD OPINION HAS BEEN SHOWN BY THEIR TEMPORARY RETURN TO THE FOUR PARTY AND TWO PARTY FORA WHEN SVN RESTORED ALL PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES.

3. CRUX OF MATTER MAY BE UNDERSTANDABLE TO OUR INDONESIAN FRIENDS BY OBSERVING THAT WHAT DRV/"PRG" ARE NOW SEEKING IS FAIRLY PARALLEL TO HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE OF INSURGENT MOVEMENT IN INDONESIA, WHICH HAD REFUSED FOR SEVENTEEN MONTHS TO ENGAGE IN SERIOUS DISCUSSION, BUT WHICH NOW SOUGHT GUARANTEE FOR ALL RIGHTS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION, INCLUDING FULL ACCESS TO PRESS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA, TO MOUNT INCREASING VITRIOLIC PROPAGANDA ATTACKS AGAINST THE GOI AND AT THE SAME TIME ENGAGING IN MASSIVE EXTERNALLY SUPPORTED ARMED ATTEMPT WITHIN INDONESIA TO OVERTHROW ITS GOVERNMENT. IT MIGHT THEN BE OBSERVED THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE REACTION OF THE GOI MIGHT NOT REALLY BE SO PATIENT AS HAS BEEN THAT OF THE GVN.
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